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On page 81, line 25 through page 82, line 2, please delete the following paragraph:

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On page 82, line 15 through page 83, line 9, please delete the paragraph:

Clone MR#3-1 showed a 42% inhibition of proliferation when pretreated with 20 µM RTL303, and clone MR#2-87 showed a 57% inhibition of proliferation when pretreated with 20 µM RTL311 (Table 6; Fig. 25). Inhibition of proliferation was also MHC class II-specific, as clone CP#1-15 (HLA-DR7 homozygous donor; MBP85-99 specific) showed little change in proliferation after pre-treatment with RTL303 or RTL311 (Table I). Clone MR#3-1 pretreated with RTL303 followed by restimulation with APC/Ag showed a 25% reduction in IL-2, a 23% reduction in IFN- γ and no significant changes in IL-4 production (Fig. 25). Similarly, clone MR#2-87 showed a 33% reduction in IL-2, a 62% reduction in IFN- γ production, and no significant change in IL-4 production. Of critical importance, however, both RTL-pretreated T cell clones continued to produce IL-10 upon restimulation with APC/peptide (Fig. 25).

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On page 83, line 15 through page 84, line 3, please delete the paragraph:

In the system described herein, anti-CD3 induced strong initial proliferation and secretion of IL-2, IFN- γ , and IL-4 (Fig. 24). Anti-CD3 pre-treated T cells that were restimulated with APC/antigen had markedly reduced levels of proliferation and cytokine secretion, including IL-2, but retained expression of IL-2R, thus recapitulating the classical anergy pathway (Fig. 25). In contrast, direct treatment with RTLs did not induce proliferation, Th1 cytokine responses, or IL-2R expression, but did strongly induce IL-10 secretion (Fig. 24). RTL pretreatment partially reduced proliferation responses and Th1 cytokine secretion, but did not inhibit IL-2R expression upon restimulation of the T cells with APC/antigen. Importantly, these T cells continued to secrete IL-10 (Fig. 25). Thus, it is apparent that the focused activation of T cells through antibody crosslinking of the CD3-chain had vastly different consequences than activation by RTLs presumably through the exposed TCR surface. It is probable that interaction of the TCR with MHC/antigen involves more elements and a more complex set of signals than activation by crosslinking CD3-chains, and the results described herein indicate that signal transduction induced by anti-CD3 antibody may not accurately portray ligand-induced activation through the TCR. Thus, CD3 activation alone likely does not comprise a normal physiological pathway.

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